Maharashtra in urban and rural areas, separately; and

(c) the areas where these roads are being constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. The Government has undertaken 4/6 laning in 132S2 km. under NHDP consisting of Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) connecting the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata having a length of 5952 km. as well as North-South and East-West (NS/EW) corridors connecting Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir with Kanyakumari and Silchar with Porbandar having a length of 7300 km. As regards Maharashtra, a length of 720 km. of National Highways is proposed under NHDP. Further, Ministry of Rural Development has undertaken 33.65 km. length of new construction and 580.31 km. for upgradation of Rural roads under 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana'.

Kollam Bye-pass work on NH-47

2097. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the Kollam Bye-pass work on National Highway-47;

(b) whether there is any plan to complete the work within a stipulated time;

(c) if so, by when;

(d) whether any proposal is pending to complete the 3rd and 4th phase of the work on BOT basis; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (e) The construction work of Kollam by-pass (about 13.141 Km. of length) is proposed to be taken up in 4 Phases. The work of Phase-I with a length of 3.266 Km. has been completed.

The work of Phase-ll with a length of 1.525 Km. is likely to be completed by December, 2001. Feasibility studies for construction of remaining two Phases (III and IV) under Build-Operate and Transfer (B.O.T.) scheme are in progress. It is too early to indicate the likely date of completion of Phases III and IV.

Funds for flood affected Highways in West Bengal

2098. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Government on maintenance of National Highways in West Bengal during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether any special fund was allotted for the flood-affected highways during the above period;

(c) if not, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) The year-wise amount spent by the Central Government on the National Highways in West Bengal during the last three years are given below:

Year	*Amount (Rs. in Crores)* **I**		
	Maintenance	*Development*	*Total*
1998-1999	39.93	121.46	161.39
1999-2000	44.83	144.46	189.29
2000-2001	65.40	198.77	264.17